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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, GT

SUBJ: OPIC FORM NO. 50 - BURGESS & LEITH TRANS-ISTHMIAN

PETROLEUM PIPELINE (520-78-009)

REF: LETTER DTD 7-15-77

1. THE PROPOSED PIPELINE OF INTERMARES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION IN THE PRESS AND BY ITS PROMOTERS. THE PROPOSED PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN ENGINEERED, NOR HAS RIGHT-OF-WAY OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL BEEN GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA. FOR THESE REASONS THE COST ESTIMATE OF \$198 MILLION PRESENTED ON THE REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION MUST BE CONSIDERED AS QUITE PRELIMINARY. IN FACT, PROMOTERS OF THE PROJECT HAVE MENTIONED NUMBERS 3 TO 4 TIMES HIGHER.

2. THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT IS NOT SUCH THAT THE SOURCE OF PETROLEUM NOR ITS DESTINATION AFTER TRANSIT THROUGH THE PROPOSED PIPELINE ARE KNOWN. THERE ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION A NUMBER OF ALTERNATTIVES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALASKAN CRUDE TO US (OR WORLD) MARKETS, AND IT IS NOT KNOWN IF A TRANS-GUATEMALAN PIPELINE REPRESENTS AN ECONOMIC OR PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE.

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3. IF THE PROJECT WERE TO MATURE, THE PRIMARY BENEFITS TO GUATEMALA WOULD BE USE OF MANUAL LABOR, DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLED LABOR, AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR USE OF THE COMPLETED FACILITIES.

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